

CLAIMS

1. A method of driving a plasma display panel, the plasma display panel including discharge cells, each of the discharge cells formed at an intersection of a scan electrode and a sustain electrode, and a data electrode, the method comprising:

dividing one field period into a plurality of sub-fields, each sub-field having an initializing period, writing period, and sustaining period;

10 in the initializing periods of the plurality of sub-fields, performing one of all-cell initializing operation and selective initializing operation, wherein, the all-cell initializing operation causes initializing discharge in all the discharge cells for displaying an image and, the selective initializing operation selectively causes 15 initializing discharge only in the discharge cells subjected to sustaining discharge in the preceding sub-field; and

during initializing discharge using the scan electrodes as anodes, and using the sustain electrodes and data electrodes as cathodes, in each of the initializing periods for performing the all-cell 20 initializing operation, applying, to the data electrodes, a voltage for delaying discharge using the data electrodes as the cathodes, after discharge using the sustain electrodes as the cathodes.